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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with the attorney on the record Mr. Brett S. Sylvester on November 15, 2005.

In the claims

Claims 6-12 and 14-18 have been cancelled.

Claim 13 (invention of Group III) has been rejoined with claims 1-5 (invention of Group I) and examined on its merits.

Claims 1 and 13 have been now amended as follows:

Claim 1. A carrier for cell culture comprising a water-containing polymer gel containing chitosan, wherein the carrier for cell culture is generally in a form of a plane and the water-containing polymer gel is coated with collagen and/or alginic acid.

Claim 13. A method for culturing cells <u>comprising</u> using the carrier <u>according to claim</u>

1 for cell culture.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Satyendra K. Singh whose telephone number is 571-272-8790. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5MF.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Wityshyn can be reached on 571-272-0926. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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